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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 48.

Please amend claims 11-15, 18, 19, 24, 28, 30-34, 37, 38, 43, 47, 49-51 and 54-62, to read as follows:

11. (Amended) The assay of claim 1, wherein said biochemical target of said predecessor is an enzyme and said compound inhibits said enzyme of said predecessor.

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